

Focus: Experience and New Perspectives October 3 - 4, 2006

Focus: HOPE, Detroit, MI

Registration & Networking Continental Breakfast 9-9:30 9:30 - 10:30**Welcome and Opening Remarks** Eleanor M. Josaitis Co-founder FOCUS: Hope Robert Swanson, Director Michigan Department of Labor & **Economic Growth** Brenda C. Njiwaji, Director Bureau of Workforce Programs 10:30-10:45 Networking/Break 10:45-12:00 Panel Presentation: Forging Relationships Between Business and K-12 Diana Carpenter, DLEG (Moderator) • Dirk Funke, Wacker Chemical Mike Schmidt, Ford Motor Company Fund • Sam Sinicropi, Dept of Education Patty Cantu, Career Prep 12:00 - 1:00Lunch Jack Litzenberg, Mott Foundation 1:00-2:00 Ingrid Evans Unemployment Insurance Director and High Growth Job Training Specialist for the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) 2:00 - 2:15**Break** 2:15 - 4:30**Sector Strategies** Maureen, Conway, Aspen Institute Scott Sheely, Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, Pennsylvania Mary Pena, Project QUEST, Texas

4:30 - 5:30Tours, Networking, Reception

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Day 2 Learning Institute

8:30 – 9:00 am **Networking & Breakfast Buffet at Focus:HOPE**

9:00 - 3:00 pm (Lunch will be served from 12:00 - 1:00)

Maureen Conway, Dee Wallace, Scott Sheely, Mary Pena present an interactive method of Sector Mapping (A visual representation of your initiative).

- Identifying key players
- Conditions affecting a industry
- Workers in the industry

This is designed to help you hone strategies for creating a stronger Regional Skills Alliance.

3:00 – 3:30 pm Wrap-up and Next step for MiRSA SM